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For: HEMOSTATIC POLYMER USEFUL FOR RAPID BLOOD COAGULATION
AND HEMOSTASIS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed November 28, 2000, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

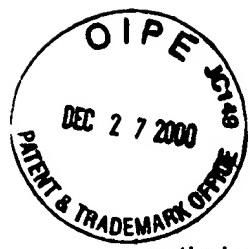
Claims 1-44 of the present application are currently pending.

Restriction has been required under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-13 and 41, drawn to dry, removable storage stable, sterile wound dressing comprising a matrix containing a hemostatic agent;

Group II – Claims 14-23, drawn to a first use of the composition of Group

I;



Group III – Claims 24 and 25, drawn to a wound dressing comprising an antimicrobial agent and a hemostatic agent;

Group IV – Claims 26-36, drawn to a patch comprising a flexible matrix containing a hemostatic agent and a method of use thereof;

Group V – Claims 37-40, drawn to a bandage comprising a central portion containing a hemostatic agent and an adhesive strip;

Group VI – Claims 42 and 43, drawn to a method of temporarily arresting bleeding comprising applying a separation matrix and applying a hemostatic agent; and

Group VII – Claim 44, drawn to a second method of use of the composition of Group I.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, with traverse.

Divisional applications will be filed in order to complete patent coverage for the remaining claims .

Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

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